

Wisconsin Home for Veterans  
117 Bragg Street (House)  
King  
Waupaca County  
Wisconsin

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WISCONSIN HOME FOR VETERANS, COMPLEX  
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Location: 117 Bragg Avenue, King, Waupaca County, Wisconsin.

Significance: The cottage at 117 Bragg Avenue is significant because it architecturally and historically contributes to the Veterans Cottages Historic District, a historic district that is part of the Historic Resources of the Wisconsin Veterans Home, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. For a more detailed discussion of the significance of the resources discussed in this report, see page 1 of the overview history narrative.

Description: This cottage is a one-story rectangular building with a gable roof, and projecting gables on both sides. The roof is covered with tin, and the building has a rock-face concrete block foundation, an enclosed front porch and a side entry enclosure that projects off the east wall. The building measures 14 feet, 6 inches on the front and back walls, and 38 feet, 9 inches on the side walls. The side enclosure is 8 feet, 6 inches long and 7 feet, 1 inch wide. The house is covered with clapboard siding. Windows are two-over-two light double-hung sashes decorated with thin cornice lintels. (See photographs WI-323-E-1, WI-323-E-2, and WI-323-E-3)

A wood panel and glass entry door leads to the interior of the cottage. The front room is a living room. Behind the living room is the bedroom (see photograph WI-323-E-4), and behind the bedroom is a kitchen, toilet room, and shower room. The kitchen cabinets have plain painted wood doors and drawer fronts with simple metal hardware. The flooring is oak and the wall and ceiling finishes are plaster. The wood paneled interior doors have simple brass doorknobs, plates, and hinges. The trim around the doors and windows consists of wide wood moldings painted white. There are steam radiators bringing the heat from the central heating plant (see photograph WI-323-E-4). There are standard overhead lighting fixtures in the rooms, and standard plumbing fixtures in the kitchen, toilet, and bathroom. Used as housing for married couples for much of the twentieth century, this cottage is currently vacant.

History: This cottage was built around 1890. There are no plans or drawings that indicate it was designed by an architect; rather, it was simply a vernacular, functional cottage plan used for married couple housing at the Veterans Home. For additional information about the history and architecture of this and all cottages and staff residences at the Wisconsin Home for Veterans Complex, see pages 3-12 of the overview history and architecture narrative.

Sources: Sources for the information in this individual structure narrative are the same as those listed in the overview narrative on page 16.

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